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Thos J. Carr Shooting, Miss Florence Temple at 133 Bleeker Street, N.Y.

ASTOUNDING REVELATIONS.

HOW YOUNG GIRLS ARE ENTHRALLED INTO HOUSES OF ILL-FAME.

The Trade of the Proceress.

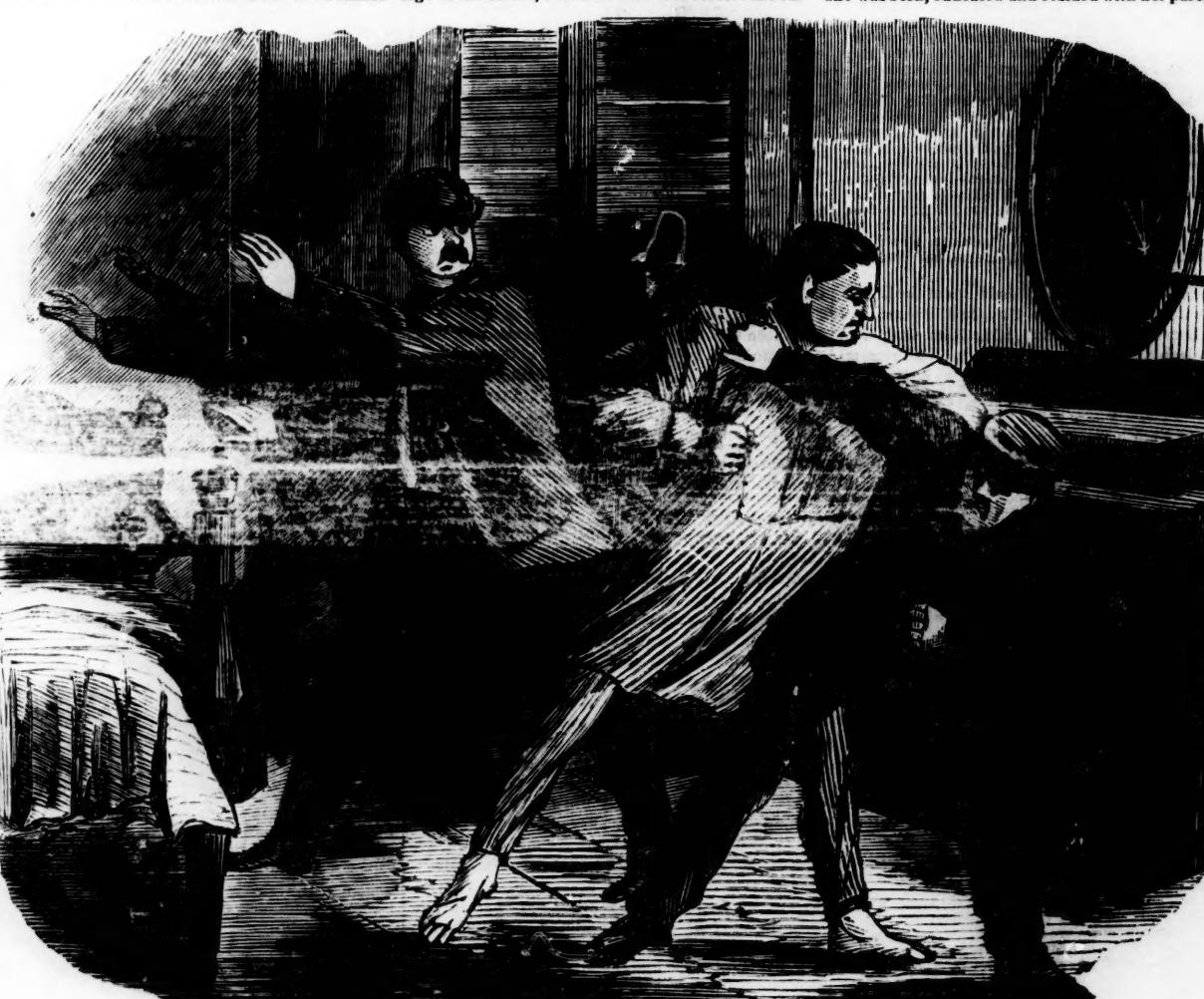
At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the suppression of prostitution in the City of New York, at the Cooper Institute, 29th of June last, Mr. Sinclair, its Secretary, made the following statement which reveals the hideous practice now existing to procure young girls to become prostitutes, and which, in some instances, are as abominable as to almost shock belief. Mr. Sinclair stated that a committee of the society had visited many of the houses in all parts of the city, and had conversed with the girls, both in the house and on the street, and that in many instances his statement was based on the sworn affidavits of the unfortunate

girls in the first two classes, are composed, in a small part, of those who seek their life from choice, and by those whom necessity has driven in this disreputable career. The remainder are composed, especially of the first class of young girls, who are placed there by their seducers, and have no means of escaping from the toils which are spread around them, and by young girls who are gathered up in the country towns by the proprietors of these places or their agents. The statement of Annie S., of No. — Green street, shows the method of this procedure. Miss Annie was a native and resident of the town of Saratoga, N. Y., living with her parents, and was accompanied with another girl, who was a notorious scoundrel, formerly the keeper of a noted house of assignation in Howard street, who by various artifices, induced her and several companions to come to New York with him and who took them to his bagnio and for one month denied them the privilege of the street, but forced them to receive the em-

Miss Julia D., residing in 25th street, stated that she was born, educated and resided with her parents,



Capt. E. J. Marx Shooting his unsuccessful rival, E. G. Westmoreland, immediately after his marriage at Brunswick, Ga.



William Coleman attacking Burglars in his Room at 282 Sixth Avenue, N.Y.

William. The synopsis of Mr. Sinclair's statement is as follows: The houses containing abandoned women in the city of Lancaster, Penn., and was induced by the proprietress of a Houston street bagnio, to desert her home for the city of New York, under the pretense of learning the military business, which she discovered when fully in the power of the proceress,

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but was a device to destroy her virtue. That forced to pander to the lust of man, she remained in her house for one year, during which time all of the money which had been presented to her by her visitors, had been spent in topless parties, profanity, gross indecency, prostitution and debauchery, and that when she secured her escape from her clutch, the old hog actually had the audacity to secure a warrant of arrest, claiming that the clothes upon her back were her property (and for which she had really been paid a thousand fold.)

Wilmotens H., an intelligent and handsome German girl, was taken from Castle Garden, by artifice and placed in a house in the basement, where, without friends, she is forced to surrender herself at the will of the proprietor.

Bridget G., a likely Irish girl, was seduced by a sailor on board one of the Liverpool packets, and by him placed in a den in Water street, where she remains against her will.

Throughout the country there is, says Mr. Sinclair, a great desire among the young people of both sexes to visit New York, and the best advantage of to professional pimps and prostitutes to visit the country towns, and the large cities, during the winter, when young girls living at home, who have,

perhaps, taken one false step in vice, are assured by the pimp that the glories of the great city await them, to leave their homes and friends for a life of gilded misery in the large cities.

The mode adopted by the proceress or prostitutes, is to secure lodgings in the principal hotel of the town in which she spreads her net for the ensnaring of her victims, and towards dusk visits the promenade, the Post Office, and the Music Hall, where the young women congregate, and selecting her victim, sends her pump to ascertain their name and residence and then either moves in with them and makes themselves at home, a note couched in such terms as indicates a desire on the part of the New York lady to make her acquaintance, and assigning an interview. If she discovers that the girl is of a plastic mind, she suggests a variety of inducements to decoy her to the city, and, in some instances, where the victim is lovely and accomplished, actually visits the family to prevail upon the parents to part with their darling, who, being possessed of the girl, is sent to the bagnio for their child in the city. After being taken to the city, the broken-hearted child conceals her shame and occasionally writes to her anxious parents, until time and her continued misfortunes blunt her sensibilities and the correspondence is discontinued, and all trace of the missing child is lost, who, while her fond parents are grieving for her, is, perhaps, lying in the charity ward of Bellevue Hospital, a victim of a disease.

The towns most infested by these creatures, remarks Mr. Sinclair, are the small manufacturing towns of New England and the Middle States, though the large county towns, in rich agricultural districts, are occasionally visited.

The manufacturing towns are, however, preferred, as many girls living in the large factory boarding houses, are away from the restlessness of home and have no protection, and are compelled to work, and have therefore more easily secured.

SIMILAR DEVICES OF THE ASSASSINATORS.

The devices adopted by the more ingenious of the brothel keepers, observes Mr. Sinclair, baffle description. In Sixth Avenue there is a military establishment with a side entrance upon a lateral street, the upper rooms of which establishment are fitted up in gorgeous splendor. To this place, under the pre-

tenance of procuring work, young girls are decoyed and led to utter ruin. In fact the outward disguise of the establishment is so perfect, that married ladies leave their coaches upon the street and pass through the store, ascend to the luxurious

rooms to receive the caresses of their paramours, who never touch the passage in the side street.

Every girl (all of whom are young and handsome) who apparently work in this establishment, have

whenever their persons are required by their libidinous patrons. One of these proceresses presents an income return of \$10,000, which but faintly represents the profits of her establishment. In Water street, in the Eighth ward, and in St. John's lane, in the Fifth Ward, are similar establishments where respectable young girls may be procured for a price.

In Lexington and Madison Avenues are similar establishments which it will be one of the objects of

reputable life, and who have been cruelly dealt with

by the mercenary proprietors of bagnios, may secure

refuge and redress, and to provide the means of live-

lihood until the unfortunate can procure labor or

return to their parents. The Society also proposes

to secure warrants and to prosecute the proprietors

of all houses in which injustice or fraud has been

practiced towards their unfortunate inmates, and

that every legal and legitimate means will be by them



Brutal Assualt on John Van Tassel, of Engine Co. No. 8.



Mrs. Van Emburgh endeavoring to save the Life of her Husband in Bergen Co., N.J.



John Kelly Butchering his Wife at 77 York Street, Brooklyn.



Ben Wells attempting to kill Vina Brumitt at her house at Little Rock, Ark.

